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REMARKS

Initially, Applicant would like to inform the Examiner that the undersigned attorney has taken over prosecution of the subject application and that a revocation of power of attorney and a new power of attorney will be submitted shortly. Thus, with regard to this Amendment, the undersigned attorney is acting under 37 CFR §1.34.

Prior to this Amendment, claims 2-13, 15-17, 20-29, 31, 33-40 and 43-46 (the "prior claims") were pending in the subject application. In this Amendment, claims 2-13, 15-17, 20-29, 31, 33-40 and 43-46 have been canceled and new claims 47-54 have been added. Applicant submits that new claims 47-54 are supported by the specification and the drawings.

In the Office action, the Examiner rejected the prior claims under 35 USC §101 because the prior claims are directed to an abstract idea and do not include a useful, concrete, tangible result. Applicant submits that new claims 47-54 product a useful, concrete and tangible result and, thus, meet the requirements of 35 USC §101.

The Examiner rejected the prior claims under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because of the use of the term "persisting" and lack of antecedent basis. New claims 47-54 do not include the term "persisting" and have proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicant submits that new claims 47-54 meet the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has rejected the prior claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,922,695 to Skufca et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,839,714 to Wheeler et al. Applicant submits that new claims 47-54 are patentable over

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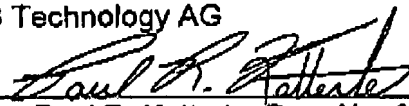
the Skufca et al. patent and the Wheeler et al. patent. Neither of these patents disclose providing a reusable product finder software unit that is combined with other software units to form an object-oriented software application, wherein the product finder software unit includes product objects representing information for generic products.

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